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Dear Commissioners:

Re: Appeal-Docket Number 1364030-08873

We are submitting this Appeal of the Final Determination To Close The Franklin, NJ Station And Continue To Provide Service By Near By Post Office as described in Docket Number 1364030-08873.

While we take great exception to your final determination as outlined in the attached supporting letters and documents, we fully understand efforts to reduce operating costs and expenses. That is why after a year of review and study of this situation by a group of local business owners, faith-based and community organizations representatives, we are prepared to make the following recommendation to address this matter for mutual interests and needs of this section of Franklin Township. It appears from our review of your final determination, that outdated data and information was used in your conclusion. The attached letter by Councilman Ted Chase, Jr. addresses that concern.

Recommendation:

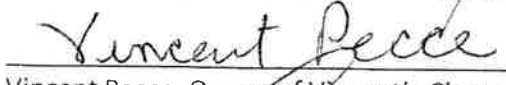
We recommend the down sizing and relocation of the current postal facility at 602 Franklin Blvd. to the Franklin Court Plaza at Franklin Blvd. and Hamilton Street, less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile from its present location. Based on the need of one-thousand (1000) square feet of space as determined by Mr. Justus Higham, Postmaster of Somerset, during a tour of this proposed site on August 2, 2013, we believe that the operating costs and expenses will be reduced by at least sixty (60 %) percent. This site offers sufficient off street parking directly in front of the facility.

This location is centrally located and within  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile of the nearby major housing complexes, including the senior citizens housing in this community, and less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile by several residential housing complexes across Somerset Street in New Brunswick, NJ.

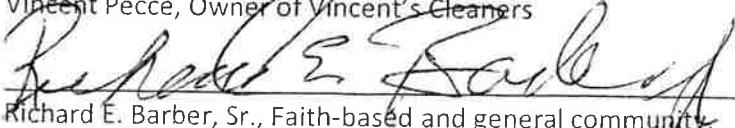
Therefore, we respectfully submit this Appeal with supporting documents for your further consideration. Please note that the signers of this Appeal letter, do so on behalf of this community.

  
Remi Onashile, President, Hamilton Street Business Association,

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Vincent Pecce, Owner of Vincent's Cleaners

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Richard E. Barber, Sr., Faith-based and general community

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## Attachments & Supporting Documents

1. Docket Number 1364030—Final Determination
2. Letter by Mayor Brian D. Levine and Township Council Members
- ~~3. Letter by Councilman Ted Chase, Jr.~~
4. Letter by Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Pastor of First Baptist Church of  
Lincoln Gardens
5. Letter by Leon T. Hughes, President, Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce
6. Public Official Request/Freedom of Information by Tyrone Jamison

Date of Posting: 07/12/2013

Date of Removal: 08/13/2013

FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE  
THE FRANKLIN, NJ STATION  
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE  
SERVICE BY NEAR BY POST OFFICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1364030 - 08873

**I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS**

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Franklin, NJ Station and provide delivery and retail services by near by post office under the administrative responsibility of the Somerset Post Office, located 2.2 miles away.

Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: There are a number of alternate sites within a short radius of this office that can provide the sale of stamps and the mailing of most package items.

The Franklin Post Office provides retail service from 830 to 1700 Monday through Friday and 900 to 1230 on Saturday.

The revenue trend for the office during the last several years is as follows:

FY 08 \$ 639,339  
FY 09 \$ 520,214  
FY 10 \$ 492,971  
FY 11 \$ 455,125  
FY 12 \$ 447,629.

On February 08, 2012, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Somerset Main Post Office located at 500 DeMott Lane to answer questions and provide information to customers. 43 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On December 23, 2011, 21455 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Franklin Station. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Franklin Station. 4435 questionnaires were returned. Responses

regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 11 favorable, 628 unfavorable, and 3796 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Franklin Station was received on December 30, 2011, with 139 signatures.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Somerset Post Office. Window service hours at the Somerset Post Office are from 1000 to 1700, Monday through Friday, and 900 to 1230 on Saturday.

Retail service is also available at the North Brunswick Branch located two miles away. Window service hours at North Brunswick Branch are from 1000 to 1700, Monday through Friday and 900 to 1300 on Saturday.

The proposal to close the Franklin Station was posted with an invitation for comment at the Franklin Station, North Brunswick Branch and Somerset Post Office from December 30, 2011 to March 01, 2012.

The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:**  
**Response:**
2. **Concern:** Customer does not want Post Office to close.  
**Response:** Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study. Please be assured that this will be included in the official records for the study. Let me emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. The extensive market research and public input component of this comprehensive review will take several months.
3. **Concern:** customer concerned about the limited parking at the Main Office.  
**Response:** Thank you for your comments regarding the pending Discontinuance Feasibility Study. Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the community. These services can and will be obtained at the main post office or through Alternate Access sites found on usps.com. Regarding access, we own or occupy a number of buildings that do not have specific parking for our retail customers. This is a situation that occurs throughout the country and is not limited to the facilities in your community. We can only suggest that you contact your community leaders regarding the availability of accessible parking throughout your town. Please be assured that your comments have been included in our facility review. Let us emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. In addition to the market data, the decision analysis will take into account the possible effects of any closures on the community, effects on USPS employees, and public input/feedback. Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study.
4. **Concern:** Customer concerned that the USPS should find other ways to save money, rather than closing Post Offices.  
**Response:** The customer were concerned that the USPS should find other ways to save money, rather than closing Post Offices. The USPS is driving costs out of every aspect of the Postal Service to include: Optimization of our Area Mail Processing Network, realign our workforce-20% reduction in administration at every level of the organization, including the reduction of some Area and District Offices. Reduce energy use- reduce energy use in facilities 30% and 20% reduction of our petroleum use by 2015; route management, equipment reduction, no price menu boards, prepaid greeting cards, alternate fuels, lobby recycling program, carrier pickup, shared services Reduce our physical footprint-consolidating 11 transportation contracting field offices into five, plus one satellite branch. Also, two purchasing shared services centers now replace 74 field positions. Consolidating 80 field stamp distribution offices and accountable paper depositories into six stamp distribution centers. And we've realigned two existing stamp service centers. Our Mail Processing network that once consisted of more than 2,000 facilities, reduced to fewer than 300.
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7. **Concern:**

Customer concerned with doing business at or distance to travel to different post office.

**Response:**

Ware aware that our customers lead busy lives and travel to another office may not always be easy. We have taken steps to make buying Postal Service products easier. Stamps by Mail envelopes are available at your local post office. You can also purchase stamps by phone (800-782-6724) or through the Internet at <http://www.stampsonline.com>. Our goal is to continue to provide our customers with the best possible postal service. We have also initiated Alternate Access Channels for doing business with the Postal Service such as: Click-N-Ship™, Netpost Cardstore, NETPOST Mailing Online, and PosteCS. All of these services can be accessed online at [usps.com](http://usps.com). Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study. Please be assured that this will be included in the official records for the study. Let me emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. The extensive market research and public input component of this comprehensive review will take several months. Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study.

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- Response:** Thank you for your comments regarding the pending Discontinuance Feasibility Study. With more than 35% of our retail revenue coming from expanded access locations, the next step in right-sizing our brick and mortar retail network by studying this office. Our customers are changing their purchasing habits. It is clear that consumer demand has diminished for our nationwide network of 32,000 brick and mortar Post Offices. And remember, the Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses. We are an independent self-supporting agency that relies solely on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund our operations. Let us emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. In addition to the market data, the decision analysis will take into account the possible effects of any closures on the community, effects on USPS employees, and public input/feedback. Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study.
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Customer expressed concern about poor customer service.

**Response:**

The customer expressed concern about poor customer service. As a customer, you have many choices and we must provide the level of professional service you expect and deserve. We regret this experience, which does not reflect our high standards of service. As with any service organization, quality customer service from professional, courteous, and friendly employees is vital. We are always concerned when a customer is not satisfied with the way we conduct a transaction or provide a service. Be assured this matter will receive my prompt attention. Should you ever experience a similar situation in the future, we encourage you to ask for the manager on-site, call our toll-free number at 1-800-ASK-USPS (800-275-8777), or visit our Web site at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) to describe the concern. Personal consultation ensures direct attention and our operators and web site personnel are in the best position to address incidents of this nature. We hope you will give us another opportunity to serve you. Your business is very important to us.



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- Response:** The customer expressed concern for walking for postal services. The Postal Service is committed to placing services and products conveniently for its customers, including in settings close to homes and businesses such as grocery or drug stores. These provide the most in-demand offerings of local Post Offices, the sale of postage stamps.
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33. **Concern:** Customer expressed concern over those customers living in poverty, and those that purchase money orders.
- Response:** The customer expressed concern over those customers living in poverty, and those that purchase money orders. Demographics have been studied. Most postal customers do not purchase money orders on a daily basis. Money order transactions, nationwide, continue to drop as other technologies for bill payments and cash transfers strengthen: According to the 2010 Postal Service Annual Report, nearly 50 million fewer money orders were purchased in 2010 than just five years earlier and that trend continues today. Today, almost four out of 10 stamps sold each day are purchased at grocery or drug stores while an additional 19 percent of postal transactions are conducted, in some way, through the internet. This represents a shift in consumer demand, moving away from post office lobbies for the most commonly-requested postal purchase — stamps.
34. **Concern:** Customer expressed concern regarding medications in the mail.
- Response:** The customer expressed concern regarding medications in the mail. In compliance with postal regulations, federal code and transportation regulations in effect throughout the United States, a mailer must comply with applicable postal laws and regulations governing mailability and preparation for mailing, as well as nonpostal laws and regulations on the shipment of particular matter. Material is nonmailable if it can kill or injure another or injure the mail or other property; this section of code applies to legal controlled substances on a case by case basis. Regulations speak specifically to consumer commodities, which can be a hazardous material that is packaged and distributed in a quantity and form intended or suitable for retail sale and designed for consumption by individuals for their personal care or household use purposes. This term can include certain drugs or medicines. There are also extensive sections of federal law — such as 21 USC Section 843b — that deal with the unlawful mailing of a controlled

substance. Changes to mode of delivery do not impact delivery for such items when lawfully and correctly deposited into the mails.

35. **Concern:** Customer expressed concern that mail delivery would be greatly affected should their Post Office close.
- Response:** The customer expressed concern that your mail delivery would be greatly affected should your Post Office close. Regardless of outcome, you will still receive regular and dependable delivery of your mail and parcels without interruption of service.
36. **Concern:** Customer expressed concern that they do not have internet in order to use [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).
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40. **Concern:** Customer indicated that they were in favor of the possible closure/consolidation of their Post Office.
- Response:** The customer indicated that you were in favor of the possible closure/consolidation of your Post Office. The Postal Service, regardless of the outcome of their study, is committed to providing reliable and courteous service through our various retail venues and delivery options.

41. **Concern:** Customer indicating employees are helpful and/or polite. Happy with service provided locally.
- Response:** Thank you so much for taking the time to compliment our employees at your local Post Office. The good reputation the Postal Service enjoys is built on the service and dedication of employees like those in your local station. Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study.
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The customer questioned why you should be inconvenienced. As more customers choose to conduct their postal business online, on their smart phones and at their favorite shopping destinations, the need for the U.S. Postal Service to maintain its nearly 32,000 retail offices — the largest retail network in the country — diminishes. To that end, the U.S. Postal Service is taking the next step in right-sizing its expansive retail network by conducting studies of retail offices to determine customer needs. As part of this effort, the Postal Service also introduced a retail-replacement option for affected communities around the nation. Today, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail revenue comes from expanded access locations such as grocery stores, drug stores, office supply stores, retail chains, self-service kiosks, ATMs and usps.com, open 24/7. Our customer's habits have made it clear that they no longer require a physical post office to conduct most of their postal business.

48. **Concern:**

Customer stated closing Post Office will drive customers to UPS or Fed Ex.

**Response:**

The customer stated closing Post Office will drive customers to UPS or Fed Ex. Adapting to changes in the communication landscape is not new. By the beginning of the 20th century, there were 76,945 Post Offices, one for about every thousand residents, in our growing nation. In 1902, however, Congress extended free delivery to rural areas. That meant it was no longer necessary for patrons to visit an office to send or pick up mail. Today, there are about 31,800 post offices that provide retail and delivery services to customers nationwide. While we have seen more competition in the package delivery system over time, the largest change for us comes with the internet. A December 2010 Pew Research survey indicates that 77 percent of adult Americans regularly use the internet, with 66 percent making purchases and 58 doing banking online. These trends continue to significantly change the amount of mail that the Postal Service processes, as evident by a decline of 4.5 percent in mail volume in the past year. In package delivery, we continue to work with some of our competitors to round out the services we all provide. For example, we partner with both FedEx and UPS to provide essential parcel return services that allow customers to return items to participating retailers. We work closely with FedEx as a partner in air transport of time-sensitive packages and cargo, which keeps our prices in line and attractive for new users. And, as Congress allows us greater flexibility in developing products, we are aggressively marketing new products — like the Flat Rate Priority Mail package — that sends more business our way.

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Customer suggested changing mail delivery to 3 times per week.

**Response:**

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Customer suggested closing the post office on Saturdays.

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58. **Concern:** Customer suggested reducing hours at the Post Office rather than closing it.
- Response:** The customer suggested reducing hours at the Post Office rather than closing it. Part of our obligation to study expenses includes an assessment of our infrastructure. The Postal Service spends nearly \$2 billion on building expenses to operate its real estate inventory of more than 34,000 facilities. In 1970, with passage of the Postal Reorganization Act, the old Post Office Department was transformed into the U.S. Postal Service. At that time more than 2,000 facilities served as our primary, outgoing mail processing locations. Today, that number has been reduced to less than 300. As mailing habits of the nation change, we must consider the careful, but continuous streamlining of our retail facility footprint as well. As we study facilities to take out of our network, we look at leasing costs as well as ancillary costs like utilities. We have an aggressive energy conservation program in place at all of our facilities and the Postal Service estimates that it has already saved around \$400 million in facility energy costs since 2006. Shorter hours at leased facilities reduce, but do not eliminate, pressures on our overhead expenses as we need at this time.
59. **Concern:** Customer wants more collection boxes.

**Response:**

The customer expressed a concern that you want more collection boxes. We make every effort to remind our customers that their mailbox is a collection box. Our carriers are instructed to collect mail from your mailbox when making regular deliveries. Nationwide, there are more than 151 million delivery points in America served each business day, with city and rural carriers serving more than 128 million mailboxes daily. Another 2.7 million are serviced by Highway Contract Route. We believe that proud service speaks for itself, as most Americans in a variety of weather conditions and geographic challenges in rural, suburban and urban settings provide a mailbox and enjoy carrier service. They include consumers of all ages and abilities, with differing personal resources and a range of postal needs. A majority of Americans do not visit a post office daily or even weekly, but do receive mail delivery routinely through a personal mailbox.

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**Response:**

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68. **Concern:** No Concerns
- Response:**
69. **Concern:** Parking is limited if customer has to drive.
- Response:** Thank you for your comments regarding the pending Discontinuance Feasibility Study. Businesses generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the community. These services can and will be obtained at the main post office or through Alternate Access sites found on usps.com. Regarding access, we own or occupy a number of buildings that do not have specific parking for our retail customers. This is a situation that occurs throughout the country and is not limited to the facilities in your community. We can only suggest that you contact your community leaders regarding the availability of accessible parking throughout your town. Please be assured that your comments have been included in our facility review. Let us emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. In addition to the market data, the decision analysis will take into account the possible effects of any closures on the community, effects on USPS employees, and public input/feedback. Thank you for taking the time to share your input regarding the Discontinuance Feasibility Study.
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- Response:** Customer does not want Post Office to close.
71. **Concern:** Customer concern about the cost of gas from customers traveling farther.
- Response:** The customer expressed concern about the cost of gas from customers traveling farther. We may consider the feasibility of centralized delivery services in some locations if there is interest from local establishments in your area regarding placement of centralized delivery units within the community, which could minimize the need to travel to retrieve mail.
72. **Concern:** Customer concerned about the increased traffic at the Main Post office creating a safety issue and traffic back up.
- Response:** This is a situation that occurs throughout the country and is not limited to the facilities in your community. We can only suggest that you contact your community leaders regarding the safety and traffic situation in town. Please be assured that your comments have been included in our facility review. Let us emphasize that no decisions have been made yet. In addition to the market data, the decision analysis will take into account the possible effects of any closures on the community, effects on USPS employees, and public input/feedback.
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75. **Concern:** Customer questioned if any cost analysis was done between the Franklin Station and other stations in the area.
- Response:** Feasibility study is for the Franklin Station only. Cost analysis along with data from the Franklin station is collected and submitted as part of the docket.
76. **Concern:** Customer requested a second community meeting.
- Response:** The customer requested a second community meeting. Postal review of local office operations follows a strict process dictated by regulation. The community-based meeting is designed to collect public comments from a cross-section of users of a facility. Additional access is provided by a questionnaire and a mailing address for lengthier comments. Multiple options allow customers to comment, publicly or privately, regardless of personal schedule. We conduct one meeting per location to assure consistency and fair levels of participation for all communities.
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**Some advantages of the proposal are:**

1. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
5. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

**Some disadvantages of the proposal are:**

1. The loss of a retail outlet.
2. Potential of some to have to travel additional distance.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

## **II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY**

Franklin is an unincorporated community located in Somerset County. The community is administered politically by The Township of Franklin. Police protection is provided by the Franklin Township Police Department. Fire protection is provided by the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of an estimated population of 41,197. Median Household Income is \$68,047. 2.4% of the population is unemployed and 5.6% are below poverty line. The demographics of the city are 50% White, 28% African American, 9% Hispanic/Latino, 11% Asian, 2% other races and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Davis Chiropractic Ctr, Asian Massage, Protex, M&M Electronics, NB Beauty Supply, Frontline Insurance Agency, Bail Bonds/Barry, Texturize Hair, Reliable Car, Botanica/Gomez, Before N After, Greenhouse, Save Rite, Archer Seafood, African Market, Veronica Deli, Annas Beauty, Cool Nails, China Moon, A1 Cleaner, unity, Baboo, Kings Pizza, 7 Eleven, Wachovia, Dynamic, Stop & Shop, Franklin Liquors, Great Clips, Subway, Renaissance nails, Allstate, Dental Design Group. Additional businesses are listed in the docket. New Beginnings Christian Center, Renaissance Community Development Center, Somerset County Action Program, First Baptist Community Development Center, Social Services, Food Bank. Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Franklin Station will be available at the **Somerset Post Office**. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the **Somerset Post Office** or by contacting your local government agency.

This Franklin Station is not listed as a historic landmark.

The community name will be maintained for customer addressing, and the Zip Code is not expected to change.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

## **III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES**

Additionally there are 2 craft employees assigned to this unit. These employees will be relocated per the National Labor Agreements.

## **IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS**

The Postal Service estimates a ten year savings of \$ 1,293,693, assuming filling vacant management and craft positions at the median salary range:

Building Maintenance	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 112,541
Transportation	\$ 0
EAS Craft & Labor	\$ 943,358
Contracts	\$ 382,671
Rent	\$ 288,453
Relocation One-Time Cost	\$ -13,488
Total Ten Year Savings	\$ 1,293,693

## V. OTHER FACTORS

Post Office Box customers will receive a questionnaire directly to the Post Office Box and be able to provide input on the proposal to discontinue the Franklin Station. The USPS is exploring an option of relocating the Post Office Boxes for Franklin Station to Somerset Main Post Office; this will be discussed at the community meeting on 2/8/12. Residents will be able to provide input on the proposal during the community meeting or by responding to the retail survey that is available at the Franklin Station, East Millstone Station, North Brunswick Station and Somerset Main Post Office. If the proposal is implemented the Post Office Boxes at Franklin Station will be relocated to the Somerset Main Post Office.


## VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Franklin, NJ Station and provide delivery and retail services by near by post office under the administrative responsibility of the Somerset Post Office, located two miles away.

The Franklin Station provided delivery and retail service to 409 PO Box or general delivery customers and no delivery route customers.

The Postal Service will save an estimated \$ 1,293,693 over the next ten years.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

  
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Edward F. Phelan, Jr.  
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

07/12/2013  
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Date

# Franklin Township



Somerset County  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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February 14, 2012

Mr. Allen Tanko  
District Discontinuance Coordinator Contact  
Northern New Jersey PFC  
494 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102-9300

### RE: FRANKLIN STATION BRANCH CLOSING

Dear Mr. Tanko:

We, the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, are writing to express our concern and disappointment that the United States Postal Service is considering the closure of the Post Office located at Franklin Station, 602 Franklin Boulevard, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. This section of Franklin Township has had a post office presence in the Township since 1961, resulting from Franklin's population growth in the northeastern part of the Township in the 1950s. We want to make clear our opposition to this closing, which we believe will have a negative impact on the residents and businesses of Franklin Township.

We recognize that your agency is under tremendous pressure to reduce costs and become more efficient in order to sustain itself in a changing market. However, we are deeply concerned that the closing of this post office would undermine service to local residents. This Post Office location is in an area where many senior citizens, business owners and other residents have limited options for traveling to other Post Offices in the Township and neighboring cities for their mail service. Maintaining postal services and universal access for all Americans, especially our small communities, is a fundamental responsibility of the USPS and must be factored into any restructuring proposals.

We appreciate your consideration of this important matter and ask to be kept informed on any decisions relating to this process.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brian D. Levine.

Brian D. Levine, Mayor

Handwritten signature of Kimberly Francois.

Kimberly Francois, Councilwoman At-Large

Handwritten signature of Brian G. Regan.

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cc: Senator Frank Lautenberg & Senator Robert Menendez  
Congressman Frank Pallone, District 6 & Congressman Rush Holt, District 12

August 8, 2013

Mr. Allen Tanko  
District Discontinuance Coordinator Contact  
Northern New Jersey PFC  
494 Broad Street  
Newark, NJ 07102-9300

Re: Franklin Station Branch Closing

Dear Mr. Tanko:

I wish to supplement the letter from the full Council opposing the closure of the Franklin Station Post Office at 602 Franklin Boulevard, Somerset, NJ 08873. The docket statement on Effect on Community has some serious errors; and in addition, you are probably unaware of important changes under way in the neighborhood of this post office.

The docket statement states that "Franklin is an unincorporated community located in Somerset County. The community is administered politically by Somerset County." This is incorrect. Franklin Township was incorporated in 1798, and is administered by a nine-member Township Council and a Township Manager.

The docket statement states that the estimated population of the township is 41,197. That must be from the 1990 census; according to the 2010 census the population is 62,300. The race and ethnic percentages are now: 44.8% white, 26.5% African-American, 20.0% Asian, 5.4% others; 12.9% Hispanic/Latino.

The docket statement states that "median household income is \$68,047, 2.4% of the population are unemployed and 5.6% are below the poverty line." The most recent figures, from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2005-2009 community survey, are median income \$88,118, 3.8% unemployed, 4.8% below the poverty line. The point is that if the Post Office is relying on such data to justify closing this post office, it should use the most current and correct data.

Franklin Township is an "Entitlement Community". This is a designation for towns over 50,000 with census tracts that are eligible for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) due to their demographics (race, income, etc.) The Franklin Blvd post office is within one of the CDBG eligible census tracts. It serves a segment of the population that is severely limited in income and transportation options. Many of these residents would be unable to get to the Somerset Post Office in Middlebush village if the Franklin Blvd post office was closed. This is precisely why the Township opened up a satellite library at 935 Hamilton, a block away from the post office; and the Recreation Dept has a satellite facility in this area for the same reason. Senior citizens in the area have limited transportation options for reaching municipal facilities in Middlebush village, across the street from the Somerset Post Office.

Near this post office, within walking distance, is a recently constructed apartment building (Parkside) for low-income senior residents. Two apartment buildings for low and moderate income residents have very recently been constructed nearby (Berry St. and Franklin Commons, on Franklin Boulevard). Another apartment building for low-income seniors is under construction right across Martin St. from the post office. Two more apartment buildings for low

and moderate income residents are under construction on Rte 27, also within walking distance of this post office.

These facts are relevant for two reasons: 1) this area has a larger than average population who depend on being able to walk to their post office for service. In the absence of regular bus service, they will not be able to use the Somerset Post Office. 2) The population in the immediate area is increasing, so that an increase in walk-in revenue may be expected (along with the nation's gradual recovery from recession).

I implore you to consider these facts as the Post Office considers closure of this station.

Sincerely yours,



Theodore Chase, Jr.  
Councilman, Franklin Township



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## Letter

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LeonHughes@aol.com <LeonHughes@aol.com>

Tue, Aug 13, 2013 at 2:56 PM

To: ods02556cpc@officedepot.com

Cc: LeonHughes@aol.com



August 13, 2013

Mr. Justus Higham, Postmaster  
500 DeMott Lane  
Somerset, NJ 08875

Dear Mr. Higham:

On behalf of the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the recommendation of the businesses of Franklin Township and our community representatives regarding the downsizing and closing of Franklin Boulevard Postal Office and its services to our community.

We as business people understand and appreciate the continuing need to seek ways to reduce the operating expenses of the Postal Service. However, in this particular situation, closing the postal facility there on Franklin Boulevard will do great harm to the businesses and our citizens in the area who are without means of transportation in this section of town.

Please reconsider or explore the possibility of alternative solution to reducing operation expensive.

Respectfully,

*Leon T. Hughes*

Leon T. Hughes, President  
Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce

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**NOTARY-PUBLIC OFFICIAL REQUEST/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

From: TYRONE MAURICE JAMISON  
P.O. BOX-83, SOMERSET  
NEW JERSEY 08875

To: The Honorable Mr. Patrick R. Donahoe  
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer  
ATTN: FOIA Public Liaison The Honorable Ms. Betty White  
OFFICE OF COUNSEL, US POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE  
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA, SW, RM 3301  
WASHINGTON, DC 20260-1101

To: The Honorable Mr. Joseph Brennan  
Operations-Manager (United States Postal Service)  
19 Kilmer Road, Edison New Jersey 08899

REF: 1) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-ACT REQUEST  
2) LYNDON B. JOHNSON SOMERSET NEW JERSEY POST OFFICE  
3) **ATTACHED POSTAL PATRON INFO (ALL IN AGREEMENT WITH KEEPING THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE LOCATED IN SOMERSET NEW JERSEY OPEN).**

CC: United States President the Honorable Mr. Barack Obama  
United States Senator the Honorable Mr. Robert Menendez  
United States Senator the Honorable Mr. Jeff Chiesa  
United States Congressman the Honorable Mr. Rush Holt  
United States Attorney General the Honorable Mr. Eric Holder Jr.  
State of New Jersey Governor the Honorable Mr. Chris Christie  
State of New Jersey Attorney General the Honorable Mr. John Jay Hoffman  
The Honorable Ms. Priscilla Maney District Manager (United States Postal Service)  
The Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Public Official in the State of New Jersey

Sub: (PUBLIC OFFICIAL REQUEST)/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION- ACT REQUEST

Date: AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> 2013

I TYRONE MAURICE JAMISON a public notary (public- official) in the State of New Jersey has issued this Notary -Public Official/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT Request on behalf of The Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris. For the record I will not only notarize this document on behalf of The Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris, I will witness this document in order to affirm/attest/concur to the validity of this document and to also state I share the same concerns as the Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota . All those addressed in this document have been contacted by Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris. Therefore I TYRONE MAURICE



JAMISON NOTARY PUBLIC- IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY is sending this document to all notified/involved/interested parties. The primary reason for this notice is to ensure fairness, and honesty between all parties involved. In my official capacity my job is to ensure that everyone's rights are acknowledged and respected as required by the due process of law, in a non-bias, impartial way. Due process of law requires that this FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT-REQUEST must be accepted/acknowledged,processed and answered. Furthermore sir, a CEASE AND DESIST ORDER MUST BE GIVEN FROM YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE IN SOMERSET NEW JERSEY UNTIL THE LEGAL/LAWFUL RESPONSE TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT-REQUEST IS HEREBY SUBMITTED TO ME AND ALL ADDRESSES LISTED ON THIS DOCUMENT. THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST QUESTIONS THAT ARE OF CONCERN TO THE HONORABLE MS. OSAMWONYI ASEMOTA AND I ARE LISTED ON THE PROCEEDING PAGE.

- 1.) IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE REASONING BEHIND THE CLOSING OF THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE LOCATED IN SOMERSET NEW-JERSEY WHICH IS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK PROTECTED BY FEDERAL LAW?
- 2.) IT IS HEREBY REQUESTED UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE REASONING BEHIND THE DECISION TO KEEP THE POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 11 MARKET STREET, EAST MILSTONE NEW JERSEY 08875, OPEN EVEN THOUGH IT DOES NOT GENERATE AS MUCH REVENUE FOR THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE LOCATED IN SOMERSET NEW JERSEY?

Please be advised that notice to principals is notice to agents, and notice to agents is notice to principals. This PUBLIC OFFICIAL NOTICE is binding on the UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE. All Employees are bound by this notice which is based on the acknowledgement that their OATH TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION is binding on all government institutions. Therefore as I TYRONE MAURICE JAMISON AND all employees of the UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE are bound by our OATHS TO THE REFERENCED CONSTITUTION MENTIONED ABOVE, may we all carry out our duties in accordance with our OATHS. The Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris has accepted our OATHS with the expectation that we (NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY & THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE) perform admirably and honorably in accordance with our OATHS. The UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE may respond back to me, however it is preferable that you respond back to The Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris at the following location C/O-P.O. BOX 83, SOMERSET NEW JERSEY 08875 and all listed addresses at their public address. Any notice/reply in reference to this NOTARY PROTEST( PUBLIC OFFICIAL REQUEST) sent AFTER 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER IS A TACIT ACQUIESCENCE REMEDY BY ESTOPPEL! Therefore acknowledgement of this notice is hereby requested from your office or any public official/office charged with the administration of the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT regarding all the matters contained in this document within the designated time frame must be sent to the Honorable Ms. Osamwonyi Asemota Sui Juris and all addresses listed on this document. This NOTARY/PUBLIC OFFICIAL NOTICE/FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT will be mailed via United States Postage Certified Number: 7012-1010-0000-5899-1990. Please be advised that my signature and the signature of the witness on this **NOTICE** indicates complete greement/acknowledgement/concur and affirm- all matters contained in this document. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER MUST BE ISSUED BY YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE CLOSING OF THE HISTORICAL LANDMARK THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE LOCATED IN SOMERSET NEW JERSEY UNTIL THE LEGAL/LAWFUL ANSWERING OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT-QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT. ADDITIONALLY ATTACHED POSTAL PATRON INFO (ALL IN AGREEMENT WITH KEEPING THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON POST OFFICE LOCATED IN SOMERSET NEW JERSEY FULLY OPERATIONAL).** *The attached postal patron info are not to be considered witnesses to this document, thier information is submitted to show their agreement with the efforts to keep the Lyndon B. Johnson Post Office in Somerset New Jersey Open.* Thank you for your time and anticpated cooperation.

WITNESS: 

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"WITHOUT PREJUDICE"

**OSAMWONYI ASEMOTA**

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FULL DISCOVERY & DISCLOSURE IS MANDATORY BY LAW!

SINCERELY, NOTARY

NOTARY NAME:

Tyrone Maurice Jamison

NOTARY SIGNATURE:

Tyrone Maurice Jamison

COMMISSION EXPIRES:

May 03-2018

**TYRONE MAURICE JAMISON**

**NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY**

I.D. No: 2433541

My Commission Expires May 03, 2018

**TYRONE MAURICE JAMISON SUI JURIS**

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**62 pages with personal names, addresses, and phone numbers have been redacted.**